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Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the specification by adding the following sentence after the title and before the Field of the Invention section:

-- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority from US Provisional Application No. 60/244,698, filed on October 31, 2000, which is incorporated by reference into this application in its entirety .--

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In the Claims

Please also amend Claims 14, 27, 31, 32, and 35 so that they read as shown below:

14. (Amended) A compound having formula I as recited in Claim 1, wherein R^3 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , R^9 , and R^{10} are H; R^2 is Cl or F; and R^1 is C_{1-4} alkyl, Cl or F, where C_{1-4} 4alkyl is linear or branched and is optionally substituted with 1-5 F.

- 27. (Amended) A compound having formula I as recited in Claim 1, wherein R3, R5, R6, R7, R8, R9, and R10 are H; R1 is C1-4alkyl, Cl or F; and R2 is Cl or F.
- 31. (Amended) A compound as recited in Claim 1, wherein the stereochemistry at the 2-position of the benzopyranyl ring is R.
- 32. (Amended) A compound as recited in Claim 1, wherein the stereochemistry at the 2-position of the benzopyranyl ring is S.
- 35. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound as identified in Claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

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REMARKS

The amendments to the claims change the dependency of Claims 14, 27, 31, 32, and 35 so that they depend on Claim 1 and are not multiply dependent. The changes that were made to these claims are shown on the attachment.

This application is being filed under 35 U.S.C. 1.53(b) and claims priority from the above cited Provisional Applications. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment Showing Amendments to Claims

- 14. (Amended) A compound having formula I as recited in Claim 1, [any one of Claims 1-13,] wherein R³, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, R⁹, and R¹⁰ are H; R² is Cl or F; and R¹ is C₁₋₄alkyl, Cl or F, where C₁₋₄alkyl is linear or branched and is optionally substituted with 1-5 F.
- 27. (Amended) A compound having formula I as recited in Claim 1. [any one of Claims 1-26,] wherein R³, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, R⁹, and R¹⁰ are H; R¹ is C₁₋₄alkyl, Cl or F; and R² is Cl or F.
- 31. (Amended) A compound as recited in <u>Claim 1</u>, [any one of Claims 1-30,] wherein the stereochemistry at the 2-position of the benzopyranyl ring is R.
- 32. (Amended) A compound as recited in <u>Claim 1</u>, [any one of Claims 1-30,] wherein the stereochemistry at the 2-position of the benzopyranyl ring is S.
- 35. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound as identified in Claim 1 [any of Claims 1-34] and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.